

TIME KEEPS SLIPPING

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# MEGA MAN™

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IT ON!





A full-page comic book illustration. Mega Man, in his signature blue armor, is shown from the waist up, floating in a dark, flooded industrial environment. He has a surprised expression, with wide eyes and an open mouth. His right arm is raised, palm facing forward. In the background, a large, spherical mechanical structure with a red and white segmented body and a central blue circular port is partially submerged. The water is dark green and turbulent, with white bubbles and splashes. Several ice cubes are floating in the air around Mega Man. In the upper right corner, a speech bubble contains the text 'ICE MAN! CUT MAN! ABOVE US!'. The overall scene suggests a confrontation or a moment of discovery in a hazardous, icy environment.

ICE  
MAN!  
CUT MAN!  
ABOVE  
US!

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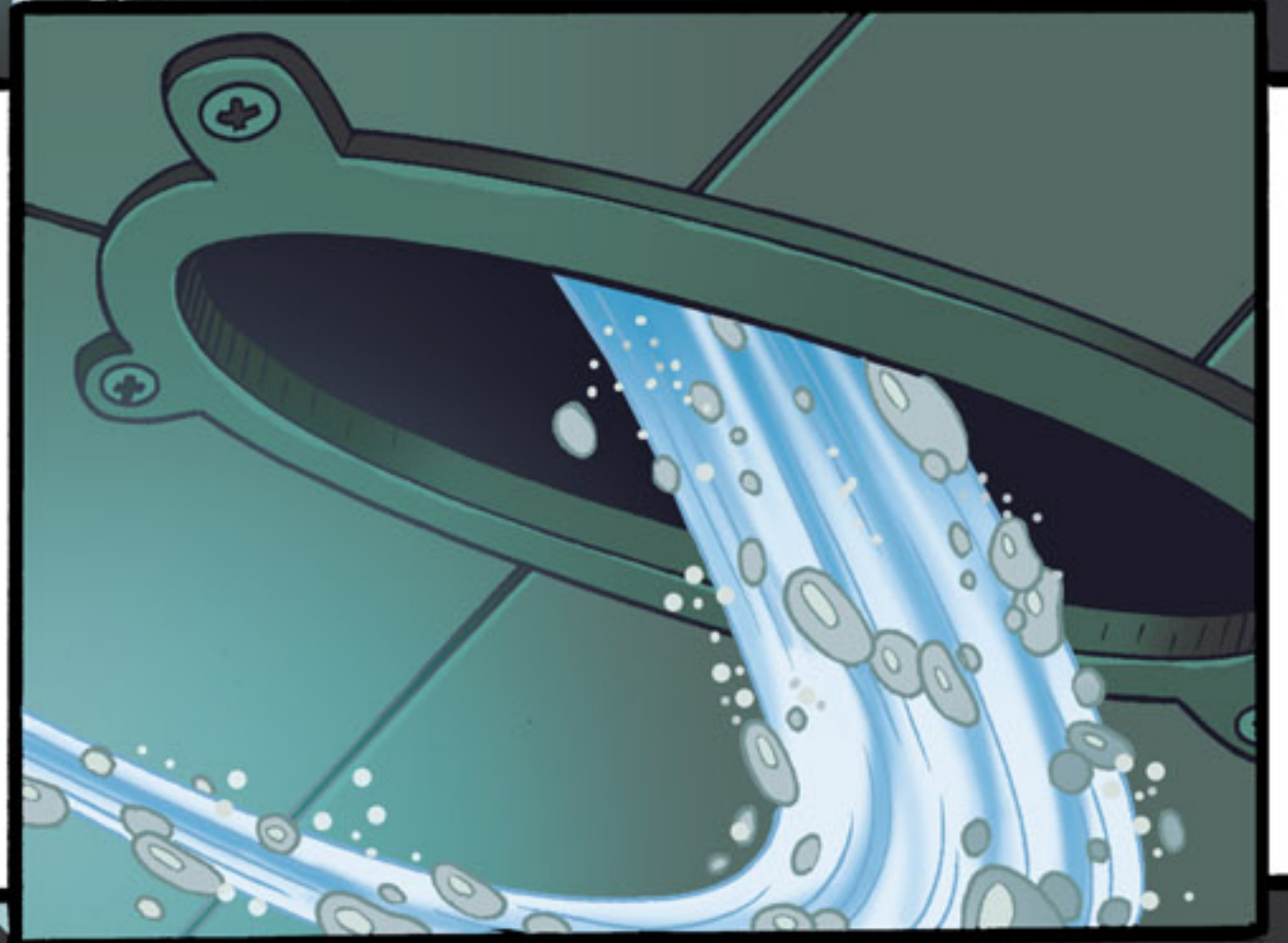
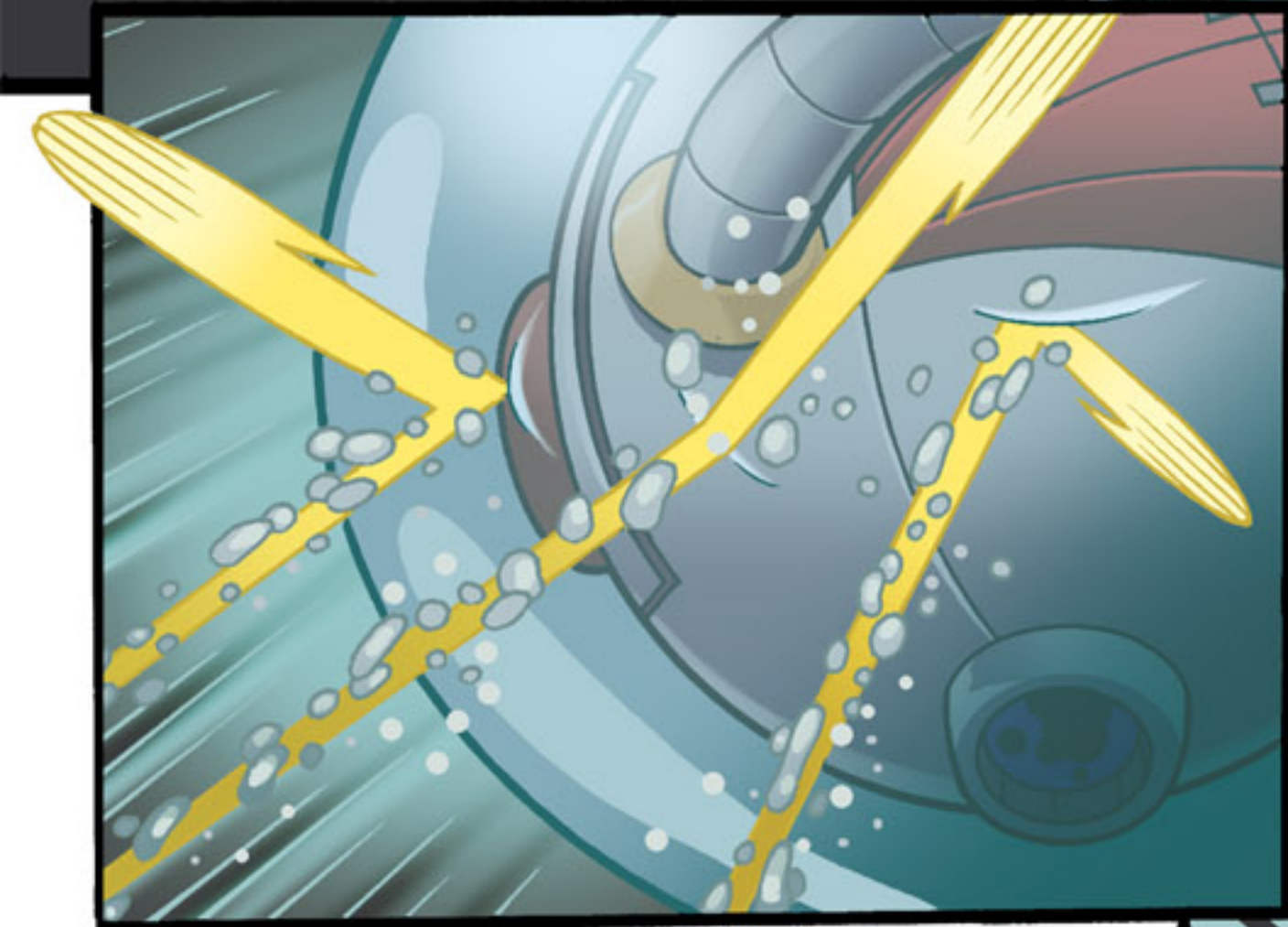
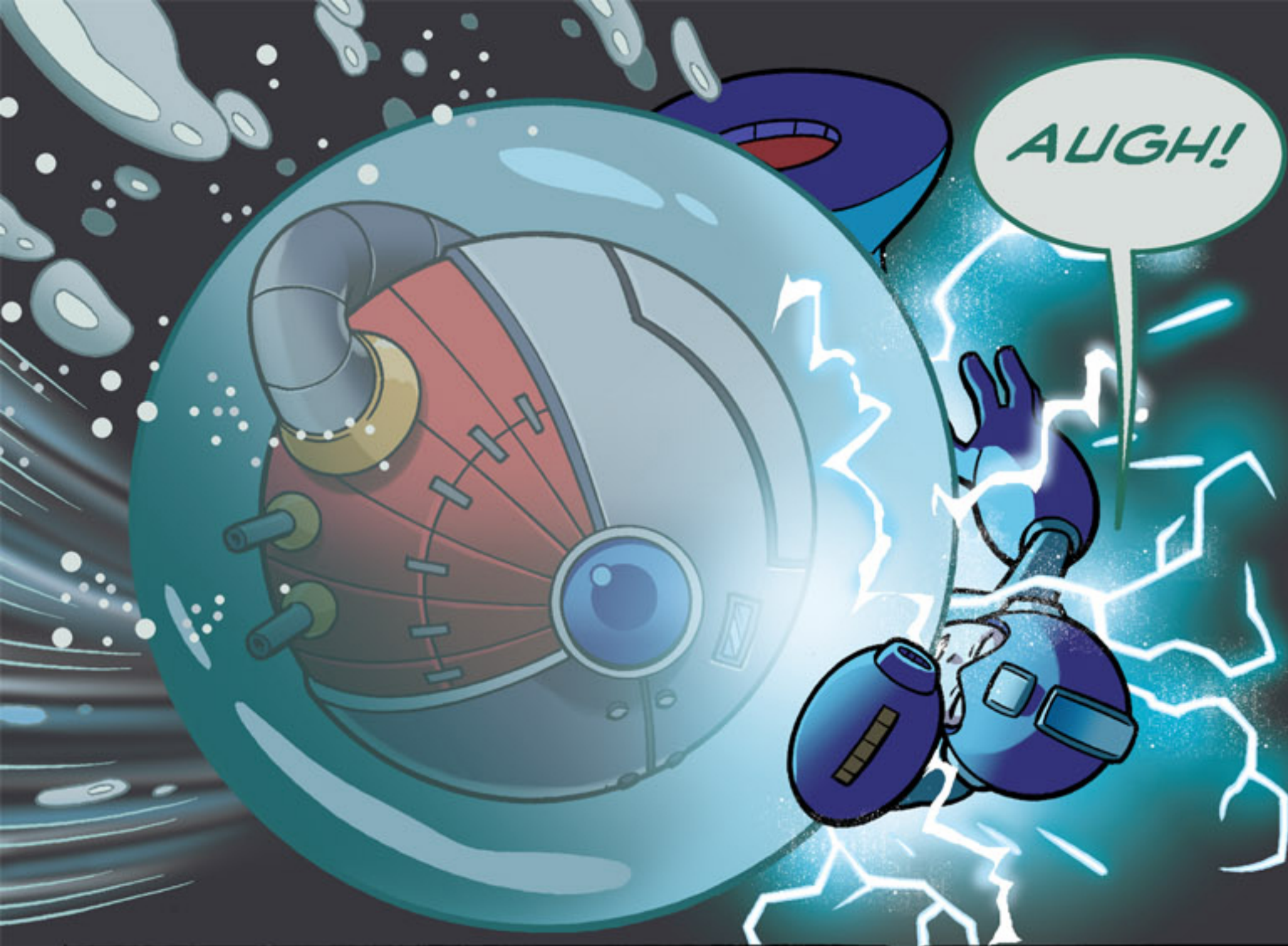
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THOOM

IS THE  
ROBOT  
...L/M...  
HAVING  
BABIES?

I...DON'T  
THINK THAT'S  
POSSIBLE,  
THEY MAY  
BE CUTE,  
BUT WATCH  
OUT FOR--



BWOM



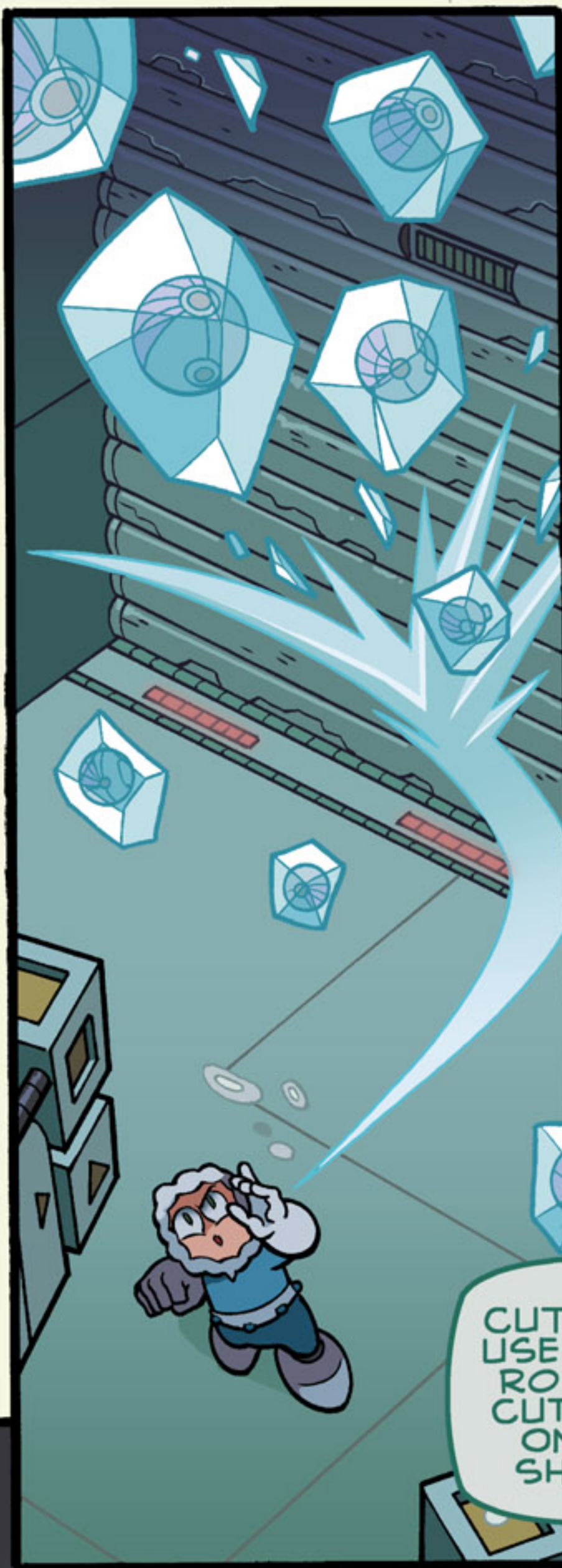
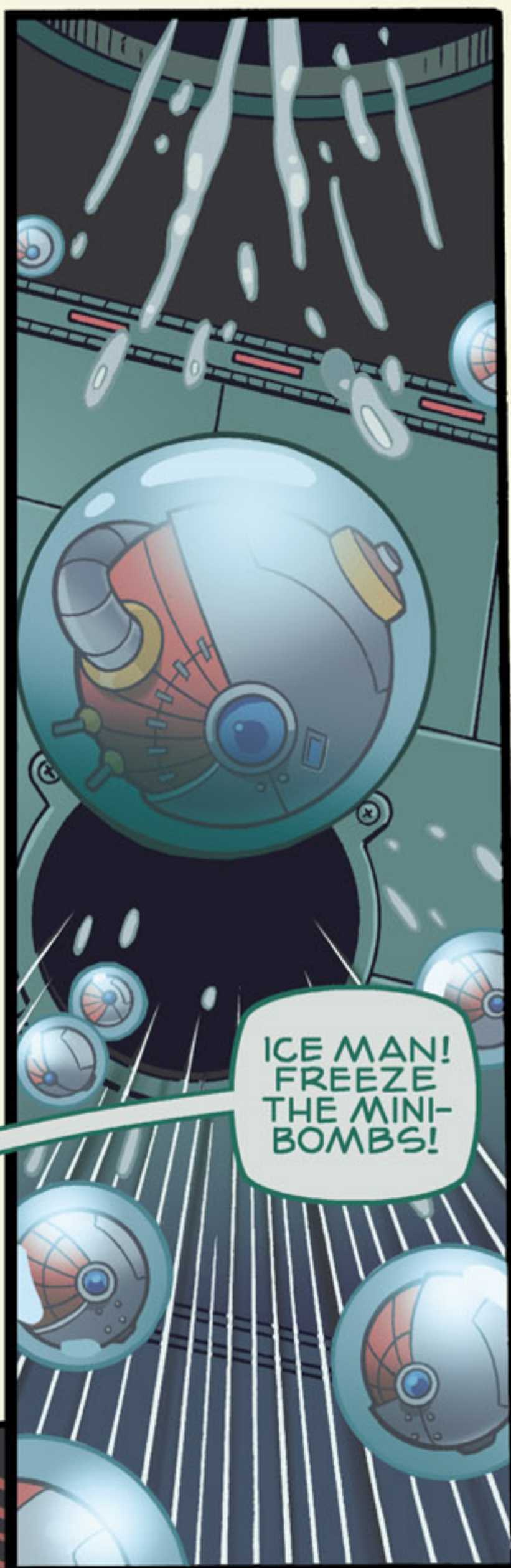
ARE  
THEY  
"CUTE"  
NOW?!

NOT  
ANY-  
MORE.

GET READY  
FOR WHEN  
IT COMES  
OUT AGAIN--  
I'VE GOT  
AN IDEA!







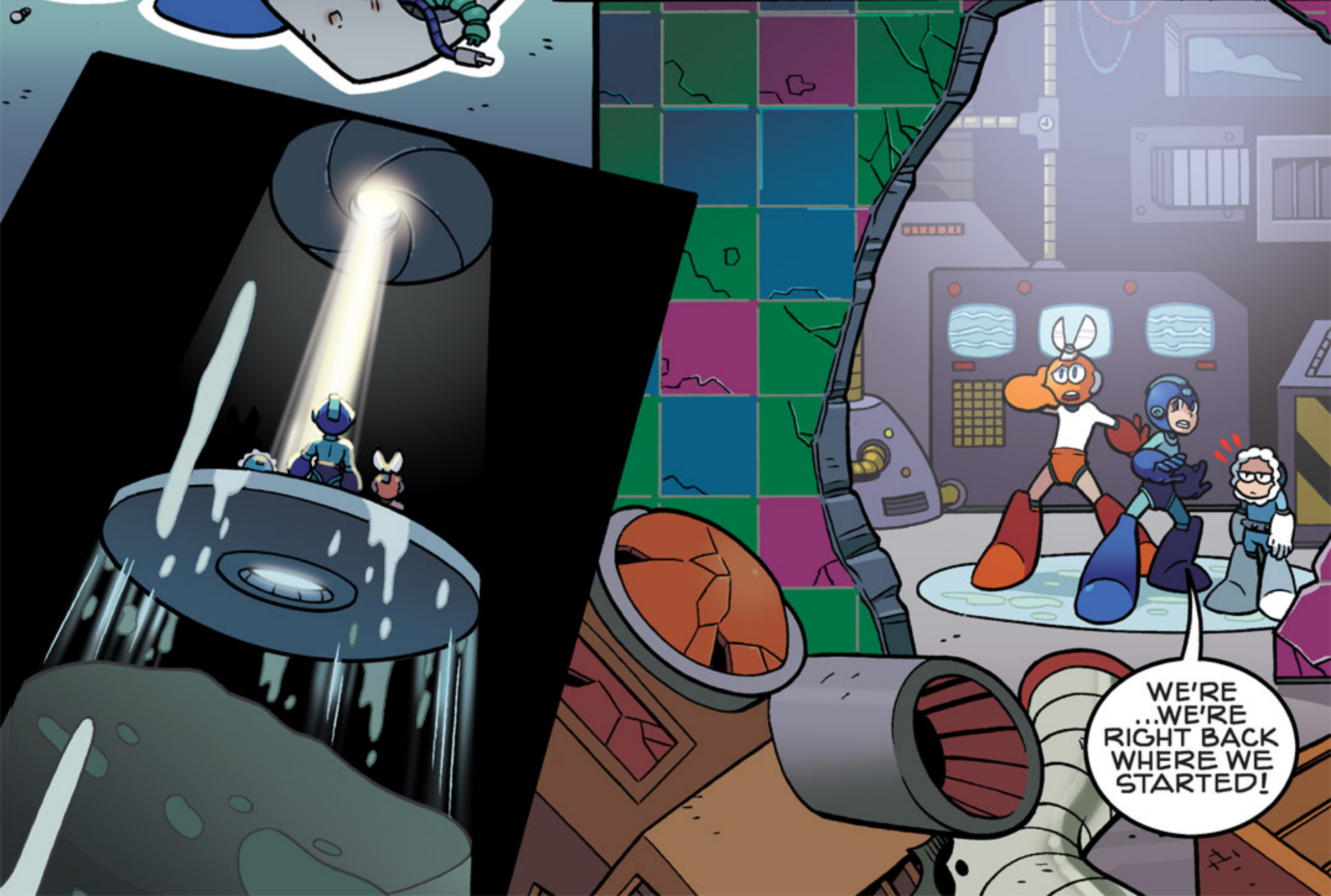
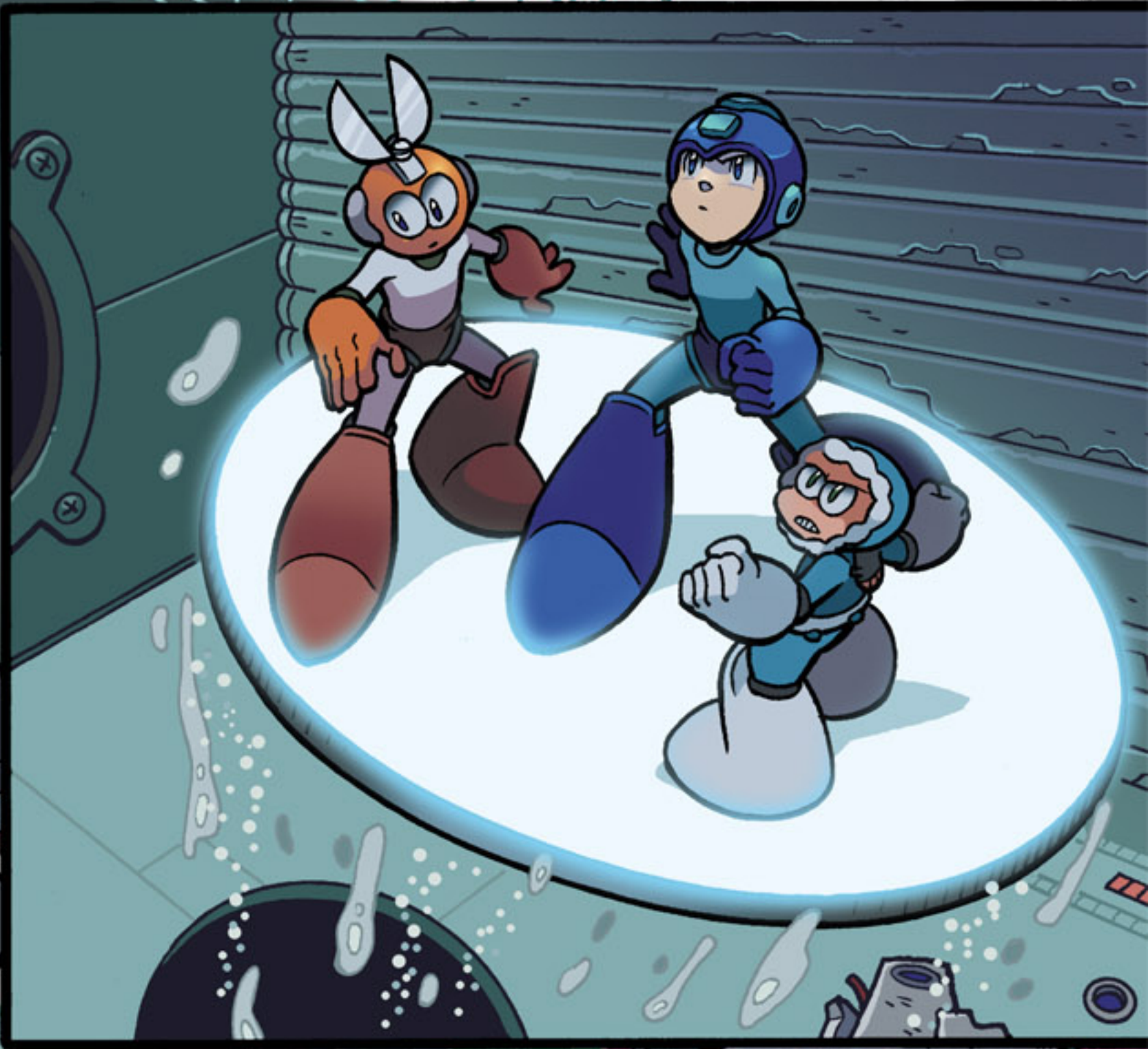


ITS MODEL  
NUMBER WAS  
CWU-01P. IT  
USED TO PURIFY  
THE WATER HERE  
UNTIL DR. WILY  
WEAPONIZED IT.

UNTIL WE  
TRASHED IT!  
THAT'S WHY  
**WE'RE** ROBOT  
MASTERS!  
*WHOOO!*

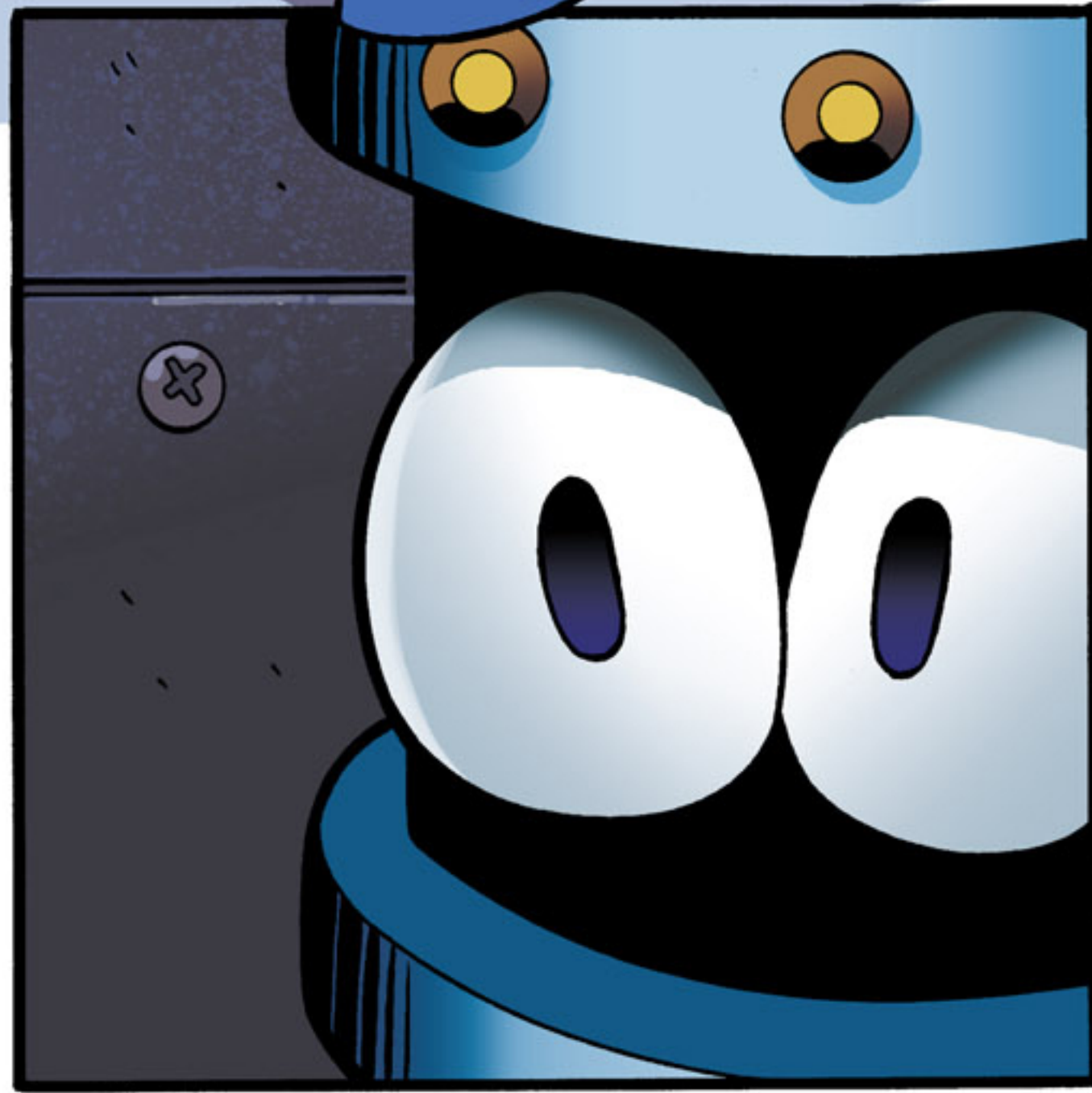
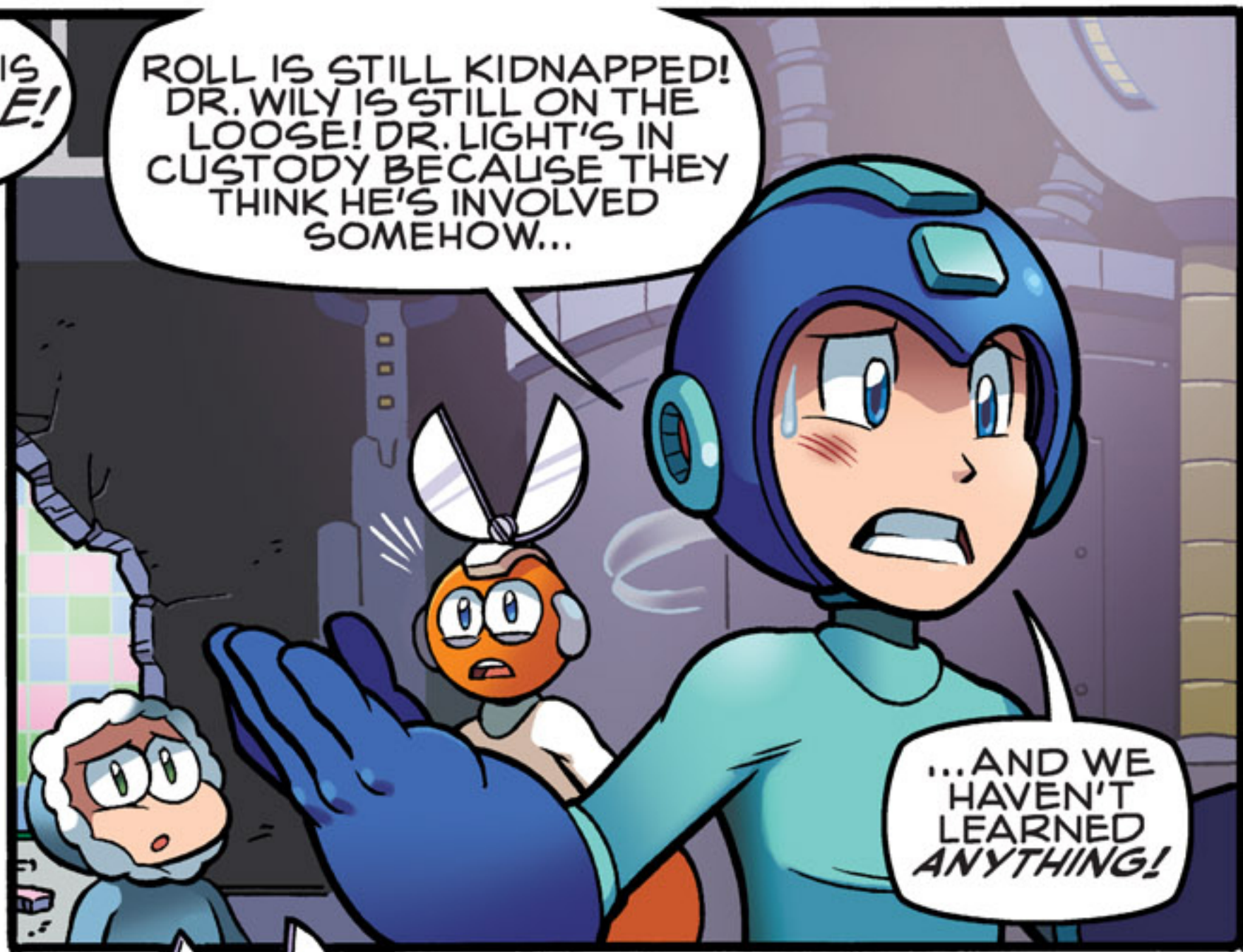
I THINK IT WAS  
THE TERRIBLE  
PUN THAT  
DESTROYED IT.

HEY, GUYS! I  
THINK I FOUND  
A WAY OUT OF  
HERE!



WE'RE  
...WE'RE  
RIGHT BACK  
WHERE WE  
STARTED!







ELSEWHERE...

FINALLY. YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE FIGURED OUT MY HIDING PLACE FROM THE NOTE, YOU LITTLE METAL MORON.\* THEN AGAIN, I DIDN'T EXPECT THOMAS TO BE ARRESTED, HEH HEH HEH!

\*MM#6.

NO MATTER. HE'S STILL GATHERING THE ROBOT MASTERS TO HIS SIDE, JUST AS I PLANNED...

...AND THEY'LL ALL COME TO RESCUE MY LITTLE... "HOSTAGE."

AND WITH MY MINIONS FINISHING MY DOUBLE-BLIND, I'M SURE TO...  
**WHAT ARE THOSE IDIOTS DOING?!**



DOWNTOWN.

HEY,  
THEY'RE  
BACK!

I'M GOING  
TO SET UP  
THE WORK  
LIGHTS FOR  
THE EVENING.  
I'LL BE  
BACK TO  
HELP WITH  
THE CLEAN-  
UP--

WAS WILY BROUGHT TO  
JUSTICE? HAVE ROLL AND  
DR. LIGHT BEEN SAVED?

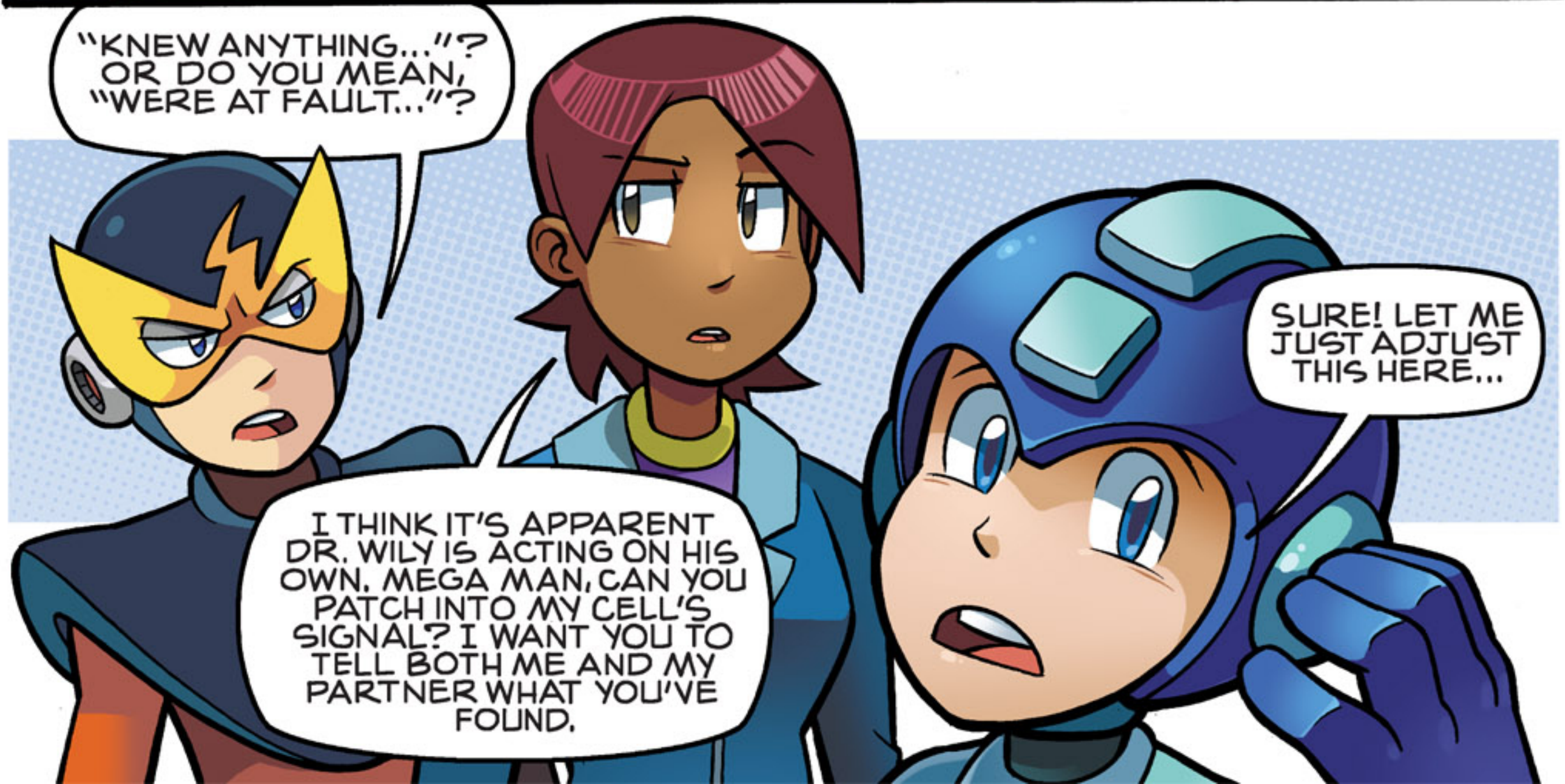
NO. ALL WE  
DID WAS GET  
LOST AND  
FIGHT A WATER  
FILTER WITH  
DELUSIONS OF  
GRANDEUR.

UNACCECTABLE. WE NEED  
TO FIND WILY, RESCUE ROLL,  
AND CLEAR DR. LIGHT'S  
NAME.

BUT  
WE DON'T  
KNOW WHERE  
TO LOOK OR  
HOW TO  
START, I WISH  
DR. LIGHT WAS  
HERE...

I'M NO  
DOCTOR...









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OFFICE OF STERN AND KRANTZ. STERN SPEAKING.

IT'S ME, GIL, AND I'VE GOT MEGA MAN. PUT US ON SPEAKER. DR. LIGHT NEEDS TO BE PART OF THIS.

ROCK! I WAS WORRIED! ARE YOU AND ROLL ALL RIGHT?

I'M FINE, BUT ROLL'S NOT. DR. WILY KIDNAPPED HER AND LEFT A NOTE SAYING HE WOULD DISMANTLE HER! I ALREADY CHECKED HIS OLD HIDE-OUT, BUT HE WASN'T THERE!

I CAN CONFIRM THE NOTE AND SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE. THERE WAS A LOT OF OIL ALL OVER THE SCENE, TOO.

WHAT'D I SAY 'BOUT APPROCHIN' THE DESK?! YOU COULD BE IN A CELL RIGHT NOW, Y'KNOW!

ANY INSIGHT ON THIS, DR. LIGHT?

TIME MANIPULATION. WILY'S DISAPPEARANCE WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE IF THOSE TWO WERE FINISHED AND ACTIVATED.

"TIME MANIPULATION" AND "MAKE SENSE," HUH?

...YES, ACTUALLY. ONE OF THE MISSING ROBOT MASTERS THAT ALBERT AND I WERE WORKING ON WAS FOR OIL-SPILL MANAGEMENT.

AND THE OTHER ONE?

COULD WE RETURN TO THE TOPIC OF RESCUING MY DAUGHTER, PLEASE?!

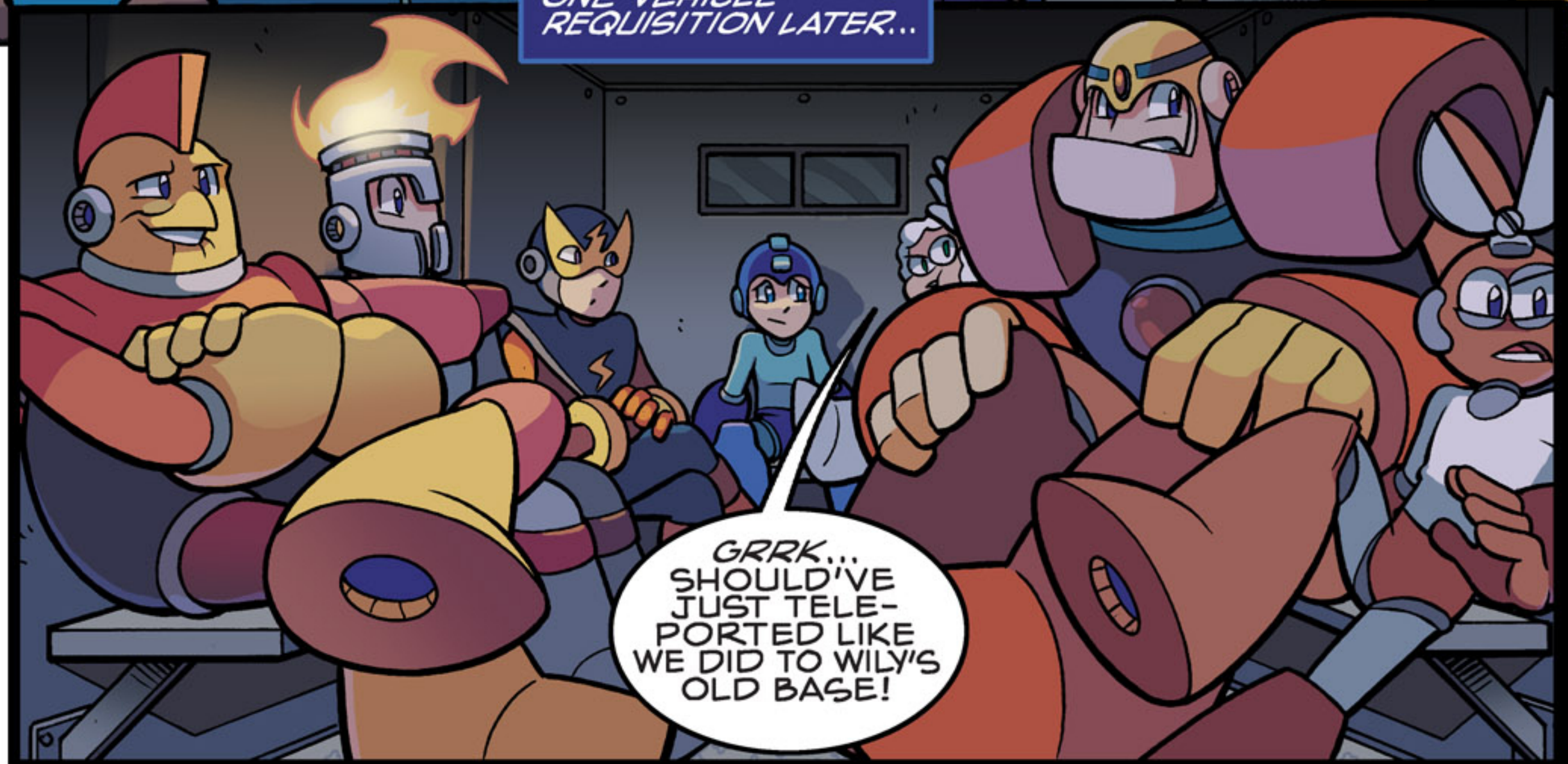




THE ROBOTS WERE LAST TESTED IN A WORKSHOP THAT'S BEEN RETIRED. IF ALBERT HAS GONE TO THE TROUBLE OF STEALING AND COMPLETING THEM, HE'S LIKELY HIDING OUT THERE.



ONE VEHICLE REQUISITION LATER...







NO, AGENT KRANTZ SAID HE WOULD BE ANTICIPATING THAT. THIS PROVIDES THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE, AND ALLOWS THE AGENT TO COME WITH US.

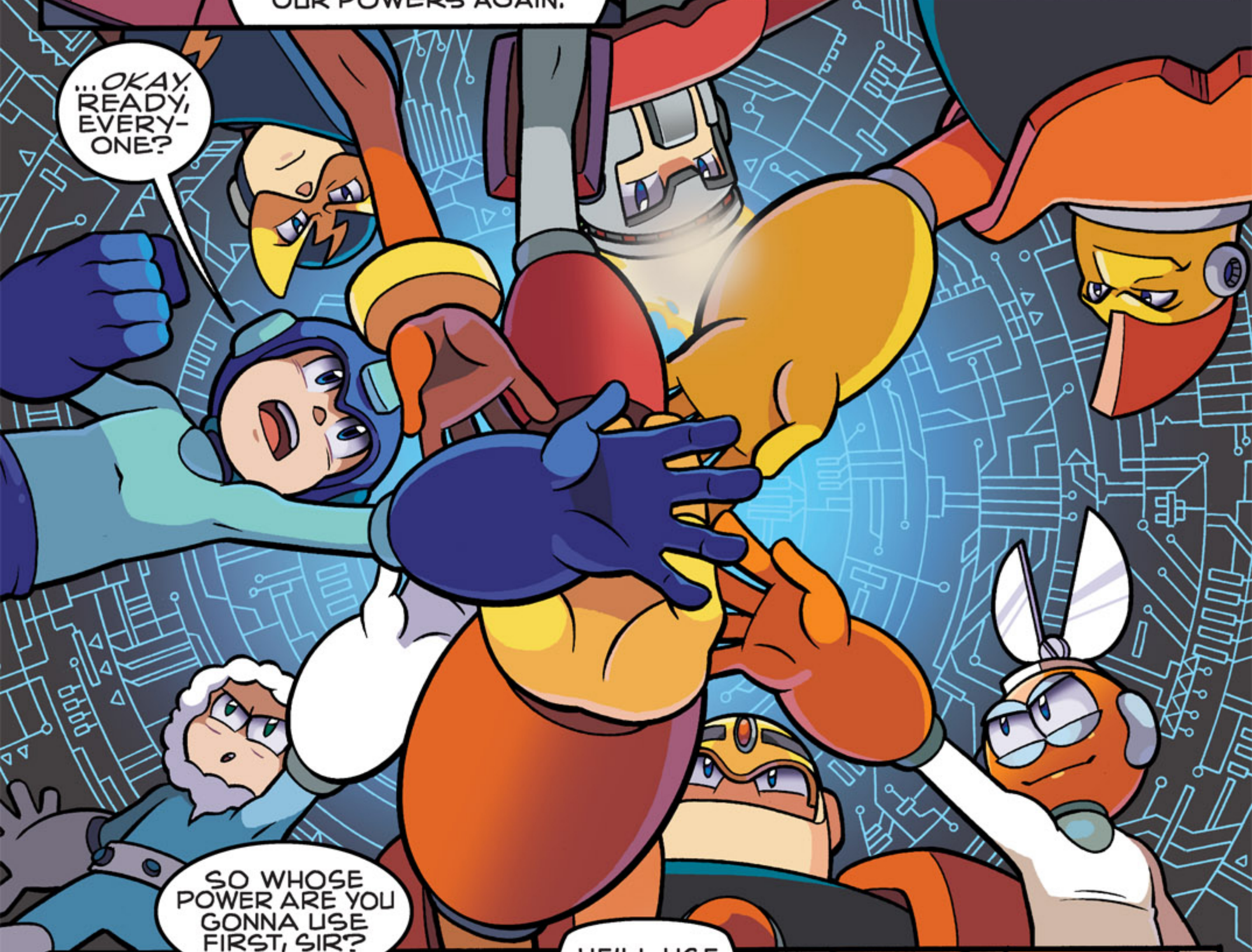
MEGA MAN...WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'LL HAVE WAITING FOR US, SO WE SHOULD GIVE YOU ALL OUR POWERS AGAIN.



WHAT?! NO! I DON'T WANT THAT KIND OF POWER AGAIN!



I UNDERSTAND, BUT WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES. DO IT FOR ROLL AND DR. LIGHT.



...OKAY, READY, EVERYONE?

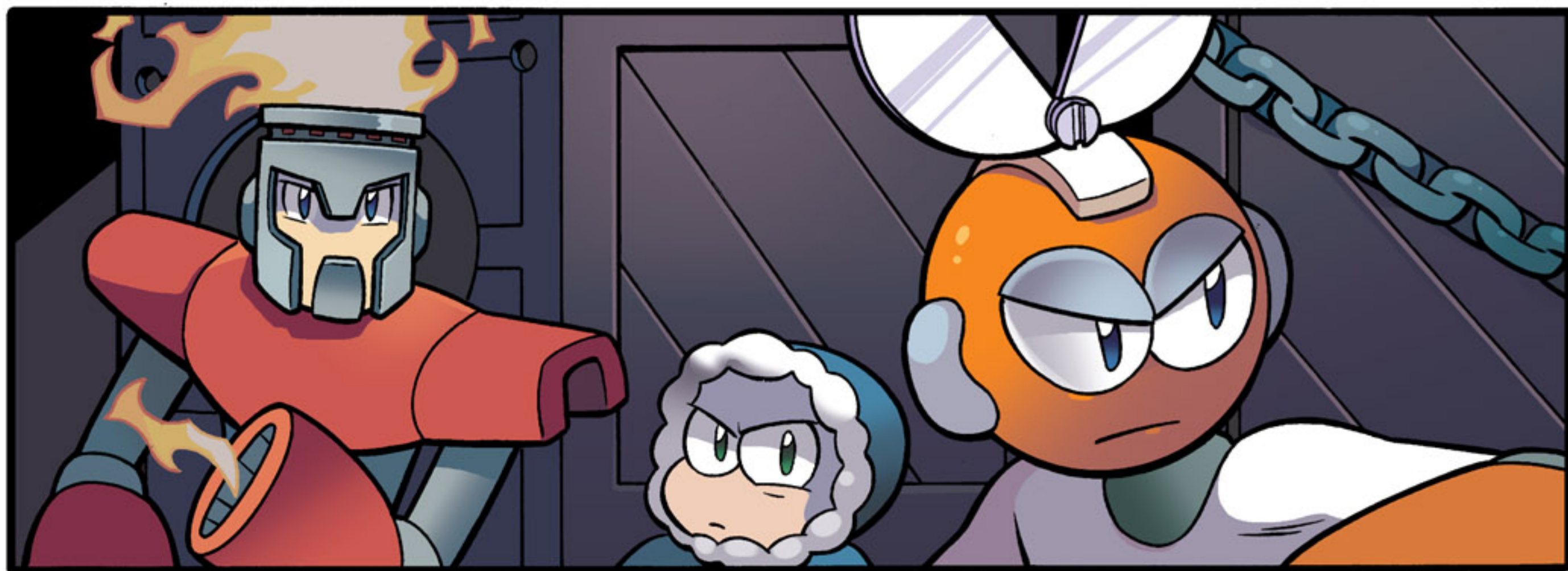
SO WHOSE POWER ARE YOU GONNA USE FIRST, SIR?



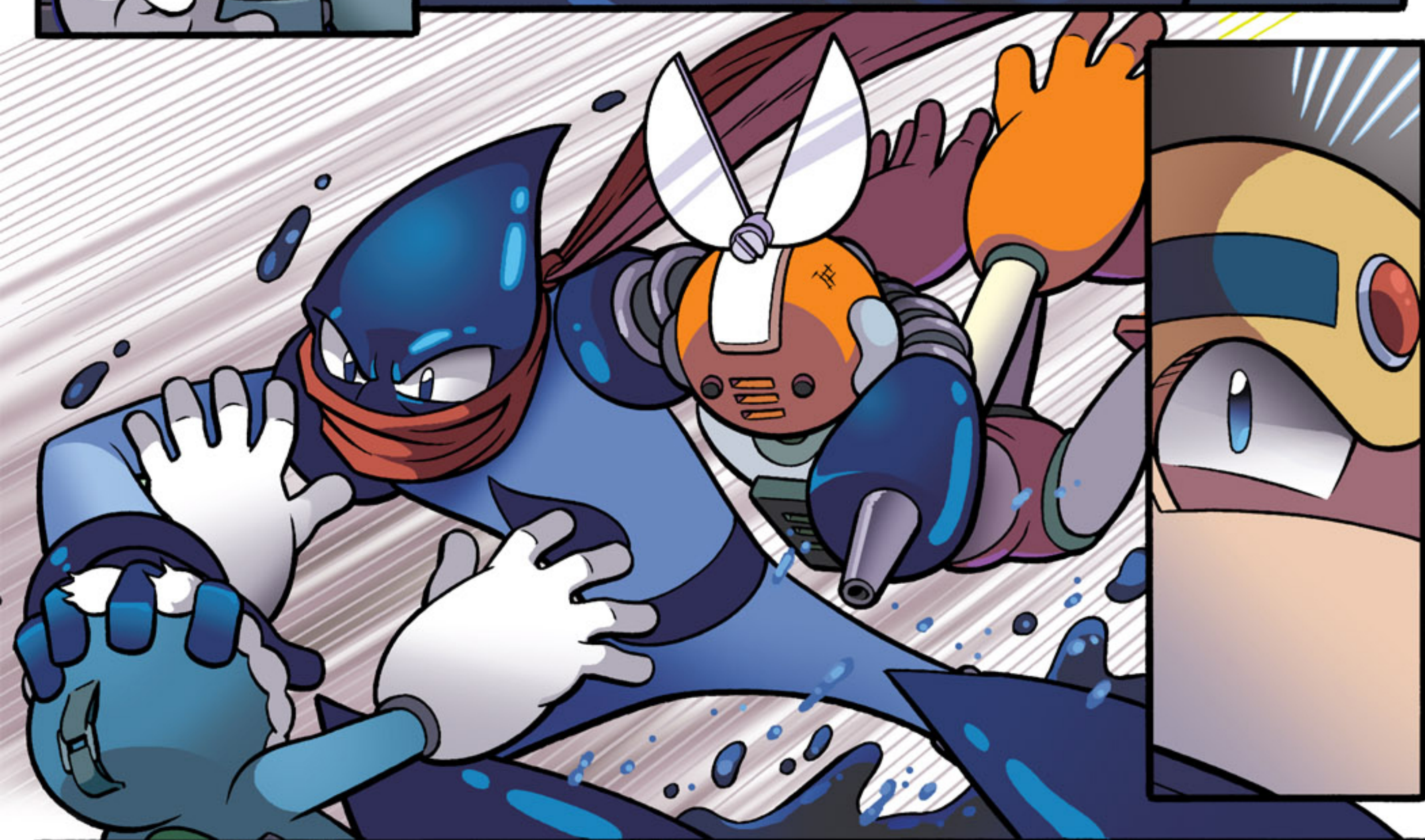
HE'LL USE MINE, OF COURSE!

THIS ISN'T A COMPETITION!













THE  
--!

ME,  
TOO.

CLEAR.

OKAY, WE'LL  
SPLIT INTO  
TEAMS OF--  
WAIT, WHERE  
ARE THE  
OTHERS?



THEY'RE  
NOT  
RIGHT  
BEHIND  
ME?



I'LL GO ONE  
WAY WITH BOMB  
MAN, MEGA  
MAN, YOU PRO-  
TECT THE  
HUMAN.

RIGHT.  
(I DON'T THINK  
SHE'D REALLY  
NEED ME,  
THOUGH.)





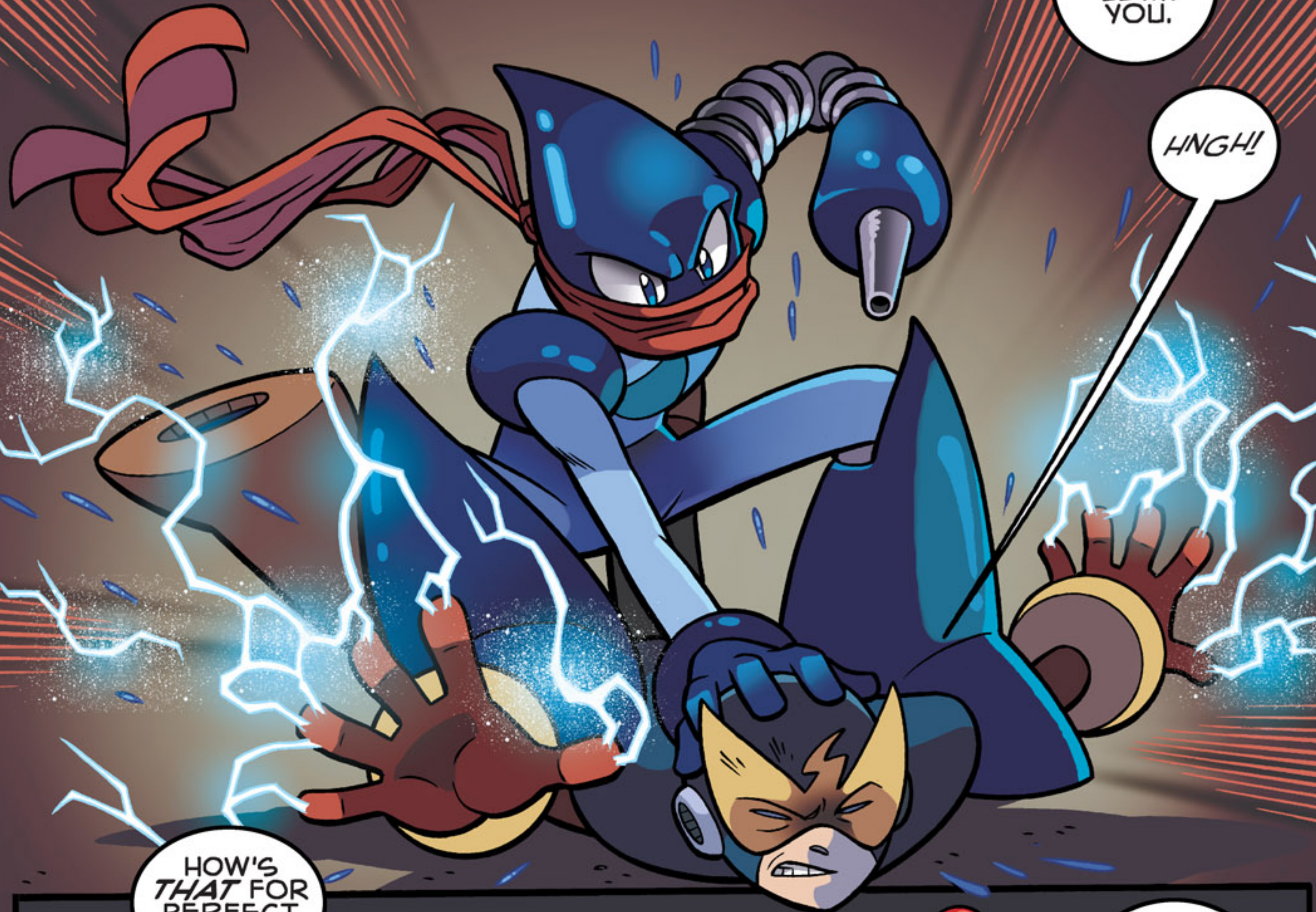
I DIDN'T EVEN *HEAR* THE OTHERS GO DOWN.

THEN STOP TALKING AND LISTEN FOR--



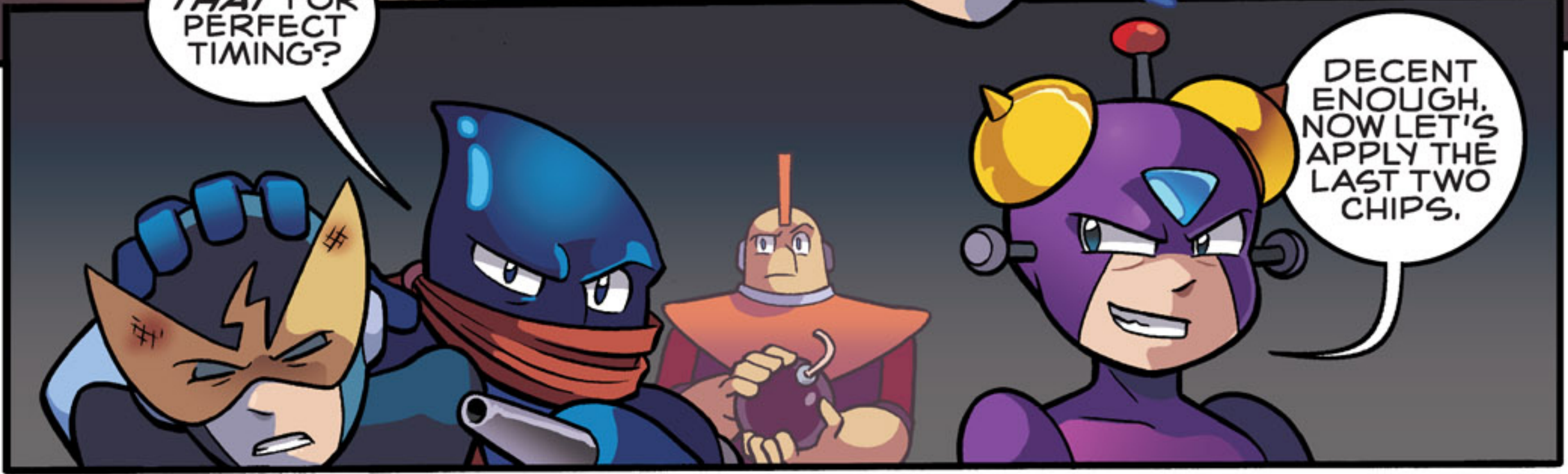
*HMPH*, IT SEEMS YOUR CHARGED BODY DISRUPTS MY "TIME SLOW" ABILITY.

I... WON'T... LET... YOU.



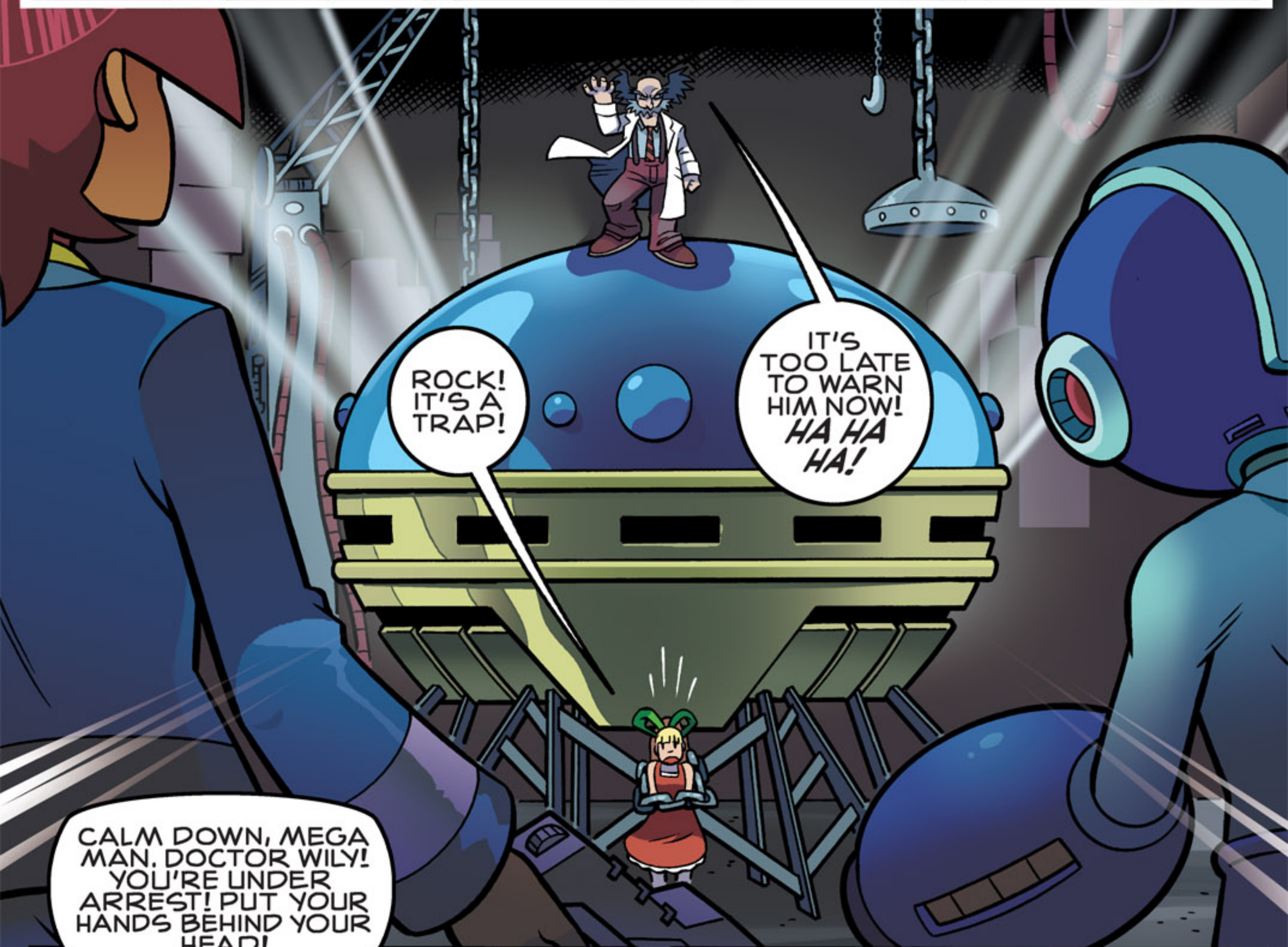
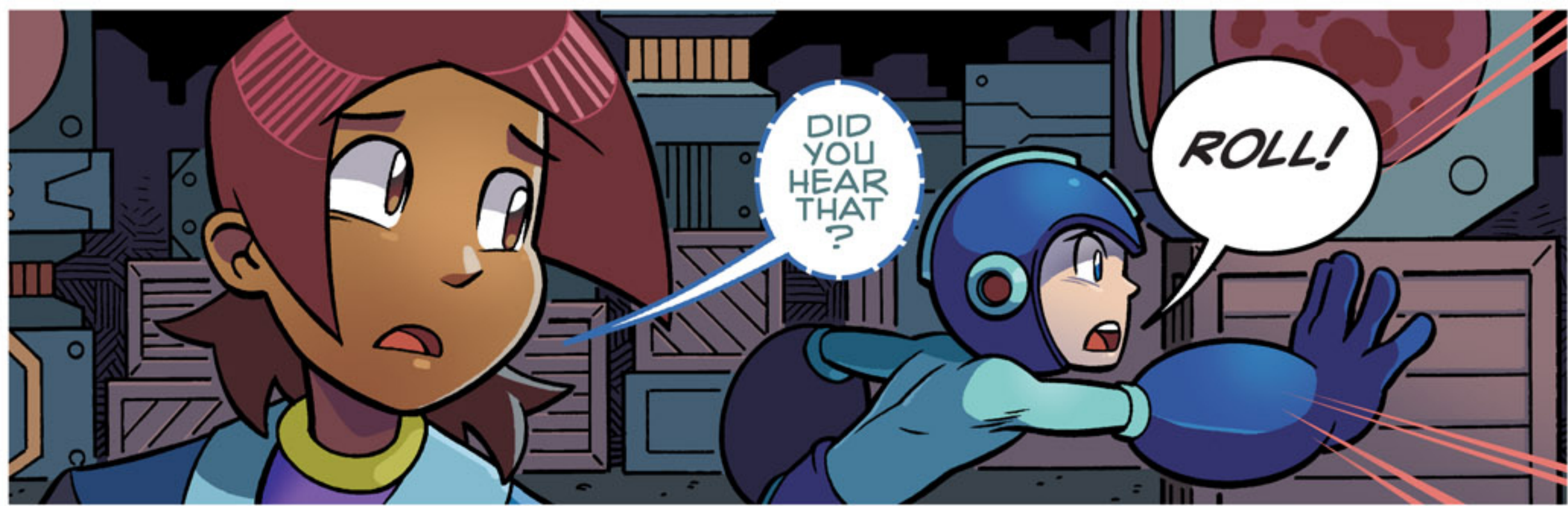
*HNGH!*

HOW'S *THAT* FOR PERFECT TIMING?

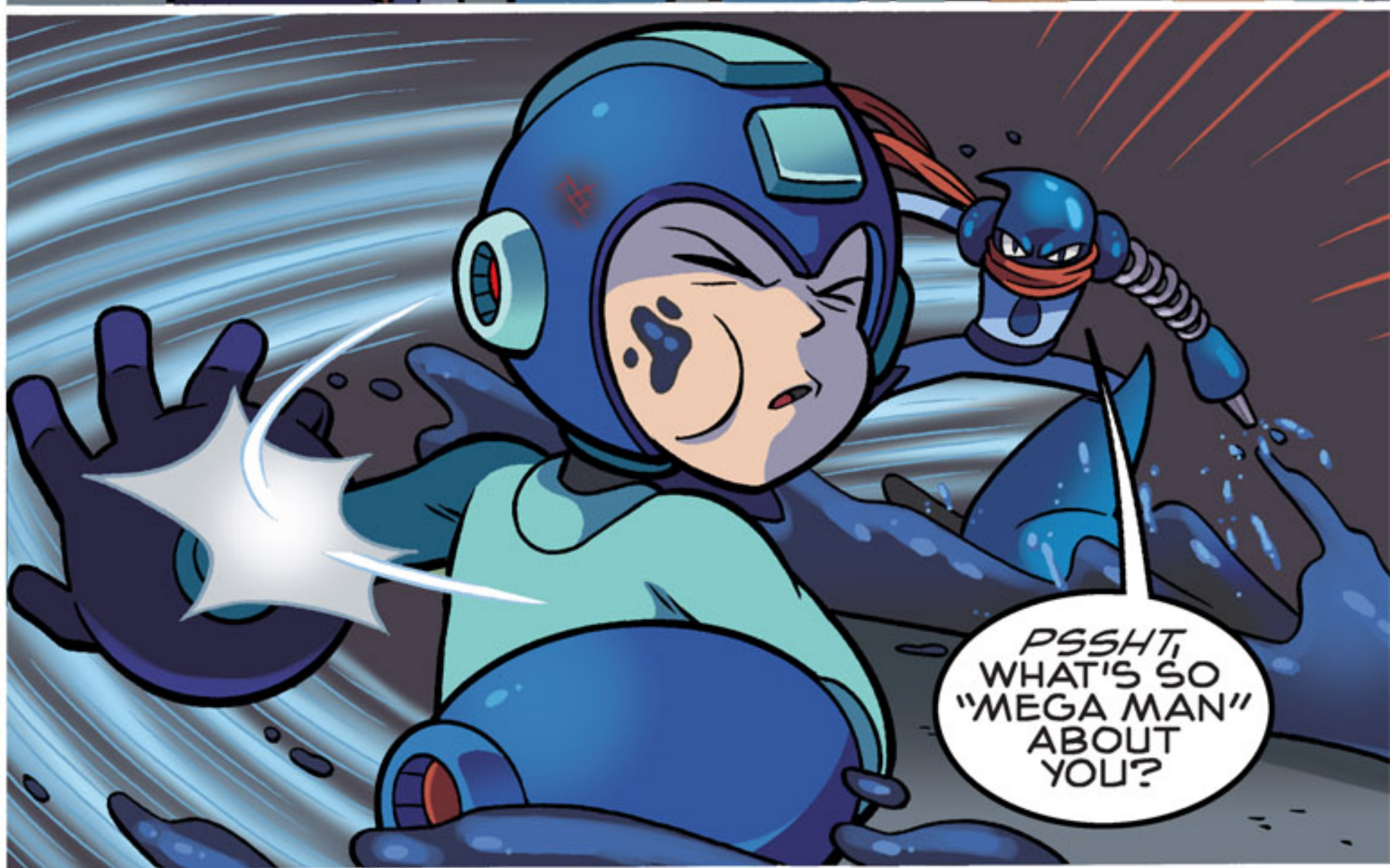


DECENT ENOUGH. NOW LET'S APPLY THE LAST TWO CHIPS.

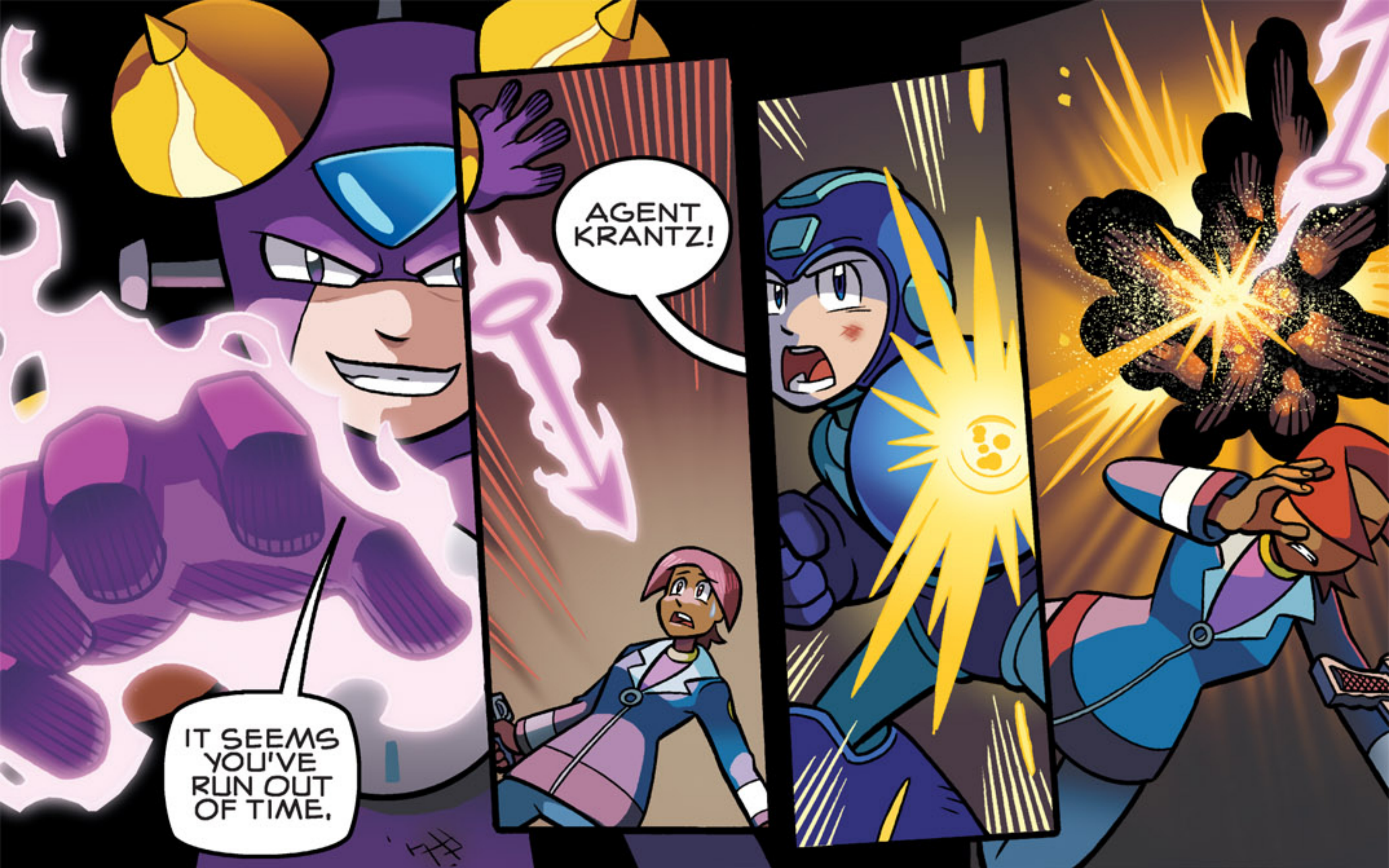












IT SEEMS  
YOU'VE  
RUN OUT  
OF TIME.

AGENT  
KRANTZ!

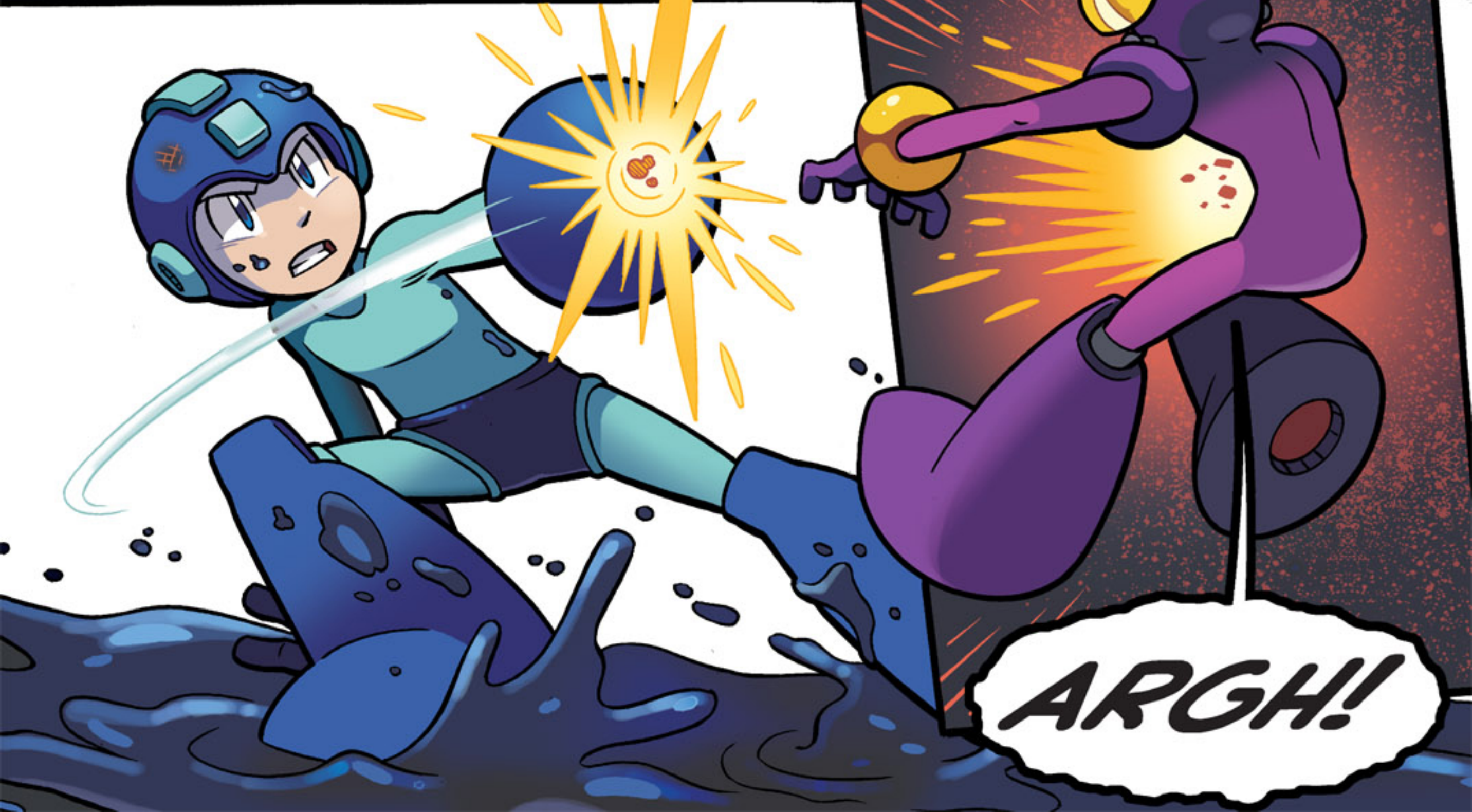
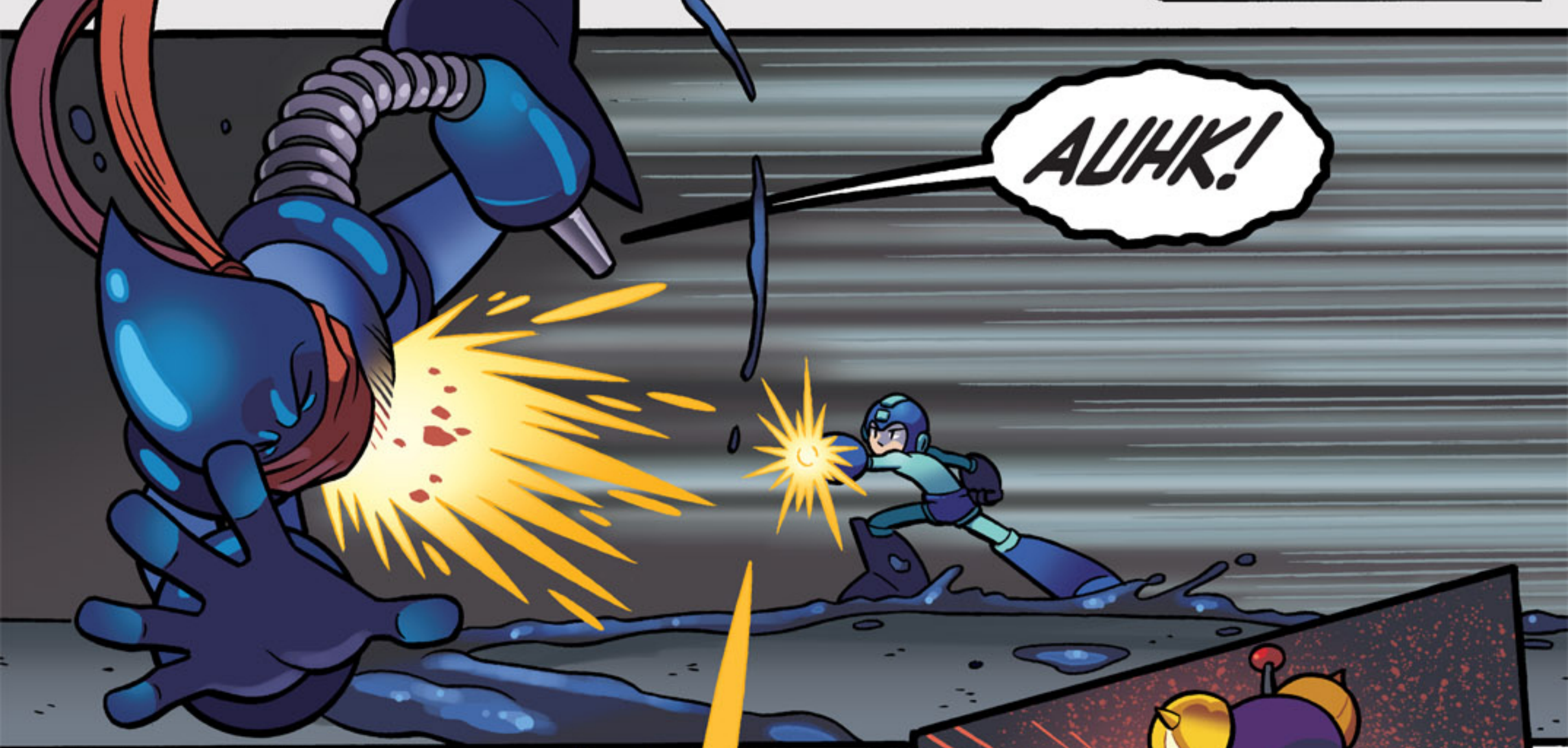
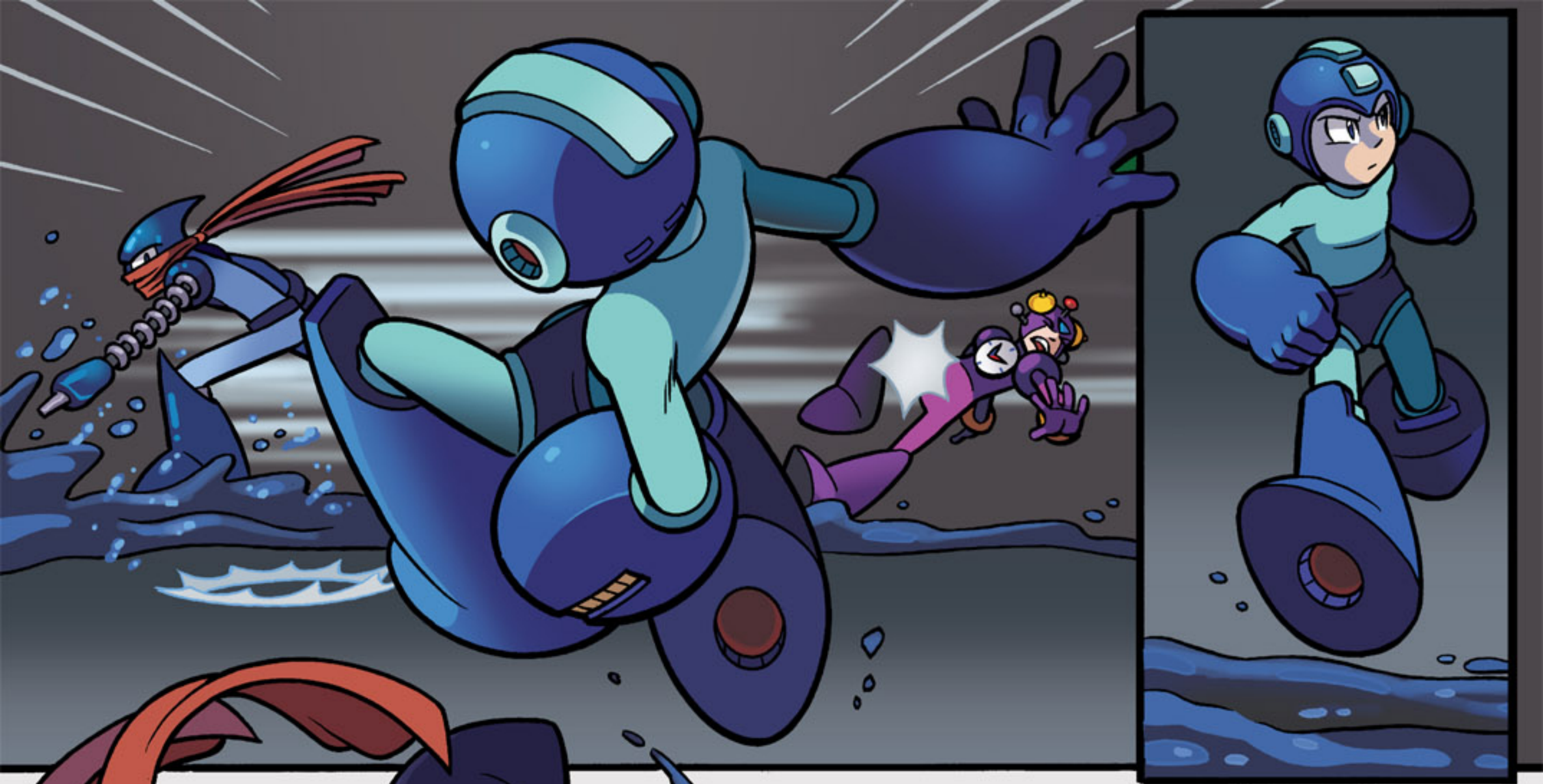
YOUR  
WEAPONS  
AREN'T  
ENOUGH!  
I'LL HANDLE  
THESE TWO!  
PLEASE  
RESCUE  
ROLL!

OIL MAN!  
STOP THE  
HUMAN!

NO WAY!  
I'M GONNA  
GET MY TURN  
WITH MISTER  
BIG SHOT,  
TOO!

RIGHT. BE  
CAREFUL.









DAAAAAANG,  
HE TURNED MY  
POWER AGAINST  
ME WITHOUT EVEN  
COPYING IT,

YOU  
IDIOT...



DON'T WORRY, YOU  
TWO. DR. LIGHT WAS  
ABLE TO SAVE THE  
OTHER ROBOT  
MASTERS. I'M  
SURE HE CAN FIX  
YOU, TOO.

THEY DON'T  
NEED FIXING,  
MEGA MAN!  
THEY ARE PRO-  
GRAMMED TO  
SERVE ME...



...OH,  
NO...







...JUST  
LIKE **ALL**  
THE ROBOT  
MASTERS!

**ROLL** IS AT THE MERCY  
OF **DR. WILY!**  
**MEGA MAN** IS UP  
AGAINST ALL **EIGHT**  
**ROBOT MASTERS!**  
CAN **AGENT KRANTZ**  
HELP SAVE THE DAY, OR  
IS **HER TIME** UP, TOO?  
DON'T MISS THE **EXCITING**  
**CONCLUSION** NEXT TIME!  
AND DON'T MISS THE  
VERY FIRST PAPERBACK  
...**MEGA MAN VOLUME 1!**



# MEGA-MAIL

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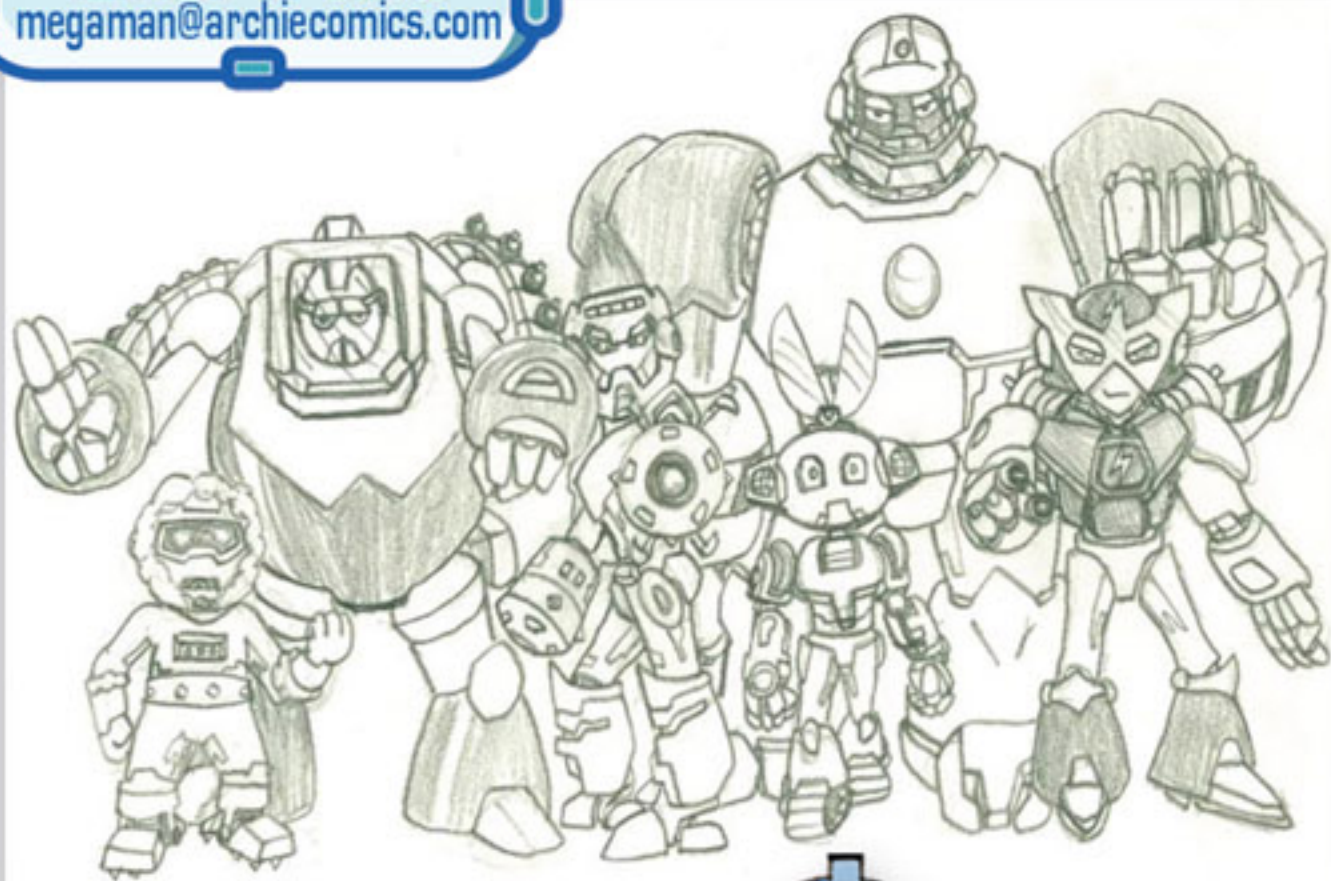
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